

WELSHPOOL METHODIST CHURCH

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"Celebrating and Sharing God's Love"

"THE MESSENGER"

September 2022

We extend a Warm Welcome to ALL - to visitors or anyone worshipping with us for the first time. Please make yourselves known to us. If you are with us on a Sunday morning, do join us after the service in the Meeting Room for a cup of tea/coffee.

Happy New Year!

1st September marks the beginning of the new Methodist year, a good time to remind ourselves of our calling as Methodists - to worship God, serve others, be evangelistic and learn and care together. "A Methodist Way of Life" lists 12 practices which we should aim to do to fulfil this calling:

*PRAY - to pray to daily

*WORSHIP - to worship with others regularly

*NOTICE - to notice God's love in Scripture and the World

*CARE - to care for ourselves and those around us

*LEARN - to learn more about our faith

*OPEN - to practise hospitality and generosity

*SERVE - to help people in our communities and beyond

*FLOURISH - to care for Creation and all God's gifts

*CHALLENGE - to challenge injustice

*TELL - to tell of the love of God in what we say and do

*LIVE - to live in a way that draws people to Jesus

*SHARE - to share our faith

What's On, September

- Thursday 1st Holy Communion at Church House, 10am
Friday 2nd Singalong with Derek, 2.30pm - 3.30pm
Come and sing your Old Time favourites.
Saturday 3rd Coffee Morning, 9.30am

Sunday 4th September 1st Sunday of the new Church Year

Lectionary

Jer. 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6,13-18; Philemon 1-21; Lk. 14:25-33

Morning Worship, 10.45am, led by Revd Bill J (Communion)

This week:

- Monday 5th Coffee Morning 9.30am; Jubilate 10am
Stewards' Meeting, 7.15pm
Wednes. 7th Church open for Private Prayer, 10am-12
Mid-week Movies 2pm: 'The Monuments Men'
Thursday 8th Reading the Bible Together, at 12
Welshpool Churches Together, 7.15pm, Baptist

Sunday 11th September

Lectionary

Jer. 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

Morning Worship at 10.45am led by Kat Bond

Evening Worship at 6pm at Chelsea Lane Baptist (WCT)

This week:

- Monday 12th Coffee Morning 9.30am; Jubilate 10am
Wednes. 14th Church open for Private Prayer, 10am-12
Craft Group, 2-4pm
Thursday 15th Holy Communion at Church House, 10am

Thursday 15th Circuit Meeting in church, 7pm

Friday 16th Fellowship, 2.30pm: "Back to the 40s and 50s"
Gallery Group, 7pm

Saturday 17th Coffee and Lunches, 10am to 1.30pm

Sunday 18th September

Lectionary

Jer. 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

Morning Worship at 10.45am led by Revd Marian (Communion)

Afternoon Tea Service at 4pm (Prayer and Praise)

This week:

Monday 19th Coffee Morning 9.30am; Jubilate 10am (+Tues 7.15)

Wednes. 21st Church open for Private Prayer, 10am-12
Craft Group, 2-4pm

Thursday 22nd Reading the Bible Together at 12

Saturday 24th Walking with Friends - the Fairbourne Walk.
Meet at church at 9.30am

Sunday 25th September

Lectionary

Jer. 32:1-3a,6-15; Ps. 91:1-6,14-16; 1 Tim 6:6-19; Lk.16:19-31

Morning Worship at 10.45am, led by Graham Smith

This week:

Monday 26th Coffee Morning 9.30am; Jubilate 10am (+Tues 7.15)

Wednes. 28th Church open for Private Prayer, 10am-12
Property and Finance Committee, 7.15pm

Thursday 29th Holy Communion at Church House, 10am

Friday 30th Derek's FUN QUIZ Night, 7 for 7.30pm

Saturday 1st Oct. Coffee Morning, 9.30am

Sunday 2nd October Harvest Festival

Harvest Celebrations at 10.45am will be led by Bet Holmes, and will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch. Our Harvest Appeal is for **All We Can** (*Methodist Relief and Development*) and Gift Envelopes will be available.

News updates

1. **A service of Holy Communion** is held at Church House at 10am on alternate Thursdays, lasting about 30 minutes, and is followed by tea/coffee and biscuits. All are invited - why not join us as our churches aim to work more closely together.
2. **Friday "Singalongs"**, to recorded Old Time favourites, first Fridays at 2.30pm for about an hour - a new venture. Bring your friends - no charge. Tea and biscuits served.
3. **Mid-week Movies**, first Wednesdays in the month, 2pm - free admission and interval tea and biscuits. September's film is based on the true story of the greatest treasure hunt in history, the rescue of artistic masterpieces from the Nazis in WW11 - with George Clooney, Matt Damon, Cate Blanchett.
4. **The Gallery Group**, third Fridays in the month, from 7pm, when coffee and biscuits are served. A short video is shown, highlighting a particular topic, and is followed by discussion on issues raised, usually finishing around 8.30pm.
5. **Derek's Fun Quiz Nights** - the first of the season will be 'live' in the Meeting Room on Friday 30th, 7 for 7.30pm start. Teams of 4 (or come on the night and make up a team). There will be interval refreshments - a donation to the church's charity will be invited. (Zoom quizzes will follow, as last year.)

Duties for September and 2nd October

4th

Stewards	Anne and Chris P
Music	Vio/Janice
Welcome	Tony H
Teas	Pat P, Pam B and Liz P

11th

Stewards	Eric and Chris R
Music	Gill
Welcome	Kath
Teas	Joan, Kath, Janice and Dorothy

18th

Stewards	Chris P and Terry
Music	Vio/Janice
Welcome	Fiona
Teas	Eric, Jean and Fiona

25th

Stewards	Chris R and Anne
Music	Vio
Welcome	Terry P
Teas	Pat J, Chris P, Bert and Trish

2nd Oct

Stewards	Terry and Eric
Music	Vio/Janice
Welcome	Gordon
Teas	Pat P, Pam B and Liz P

We are hoping to recruit another Church Steward now that Gordon has 'retired'. If you feel called to serve in this way, please let us know. (Church Stewards must be Church Members)

Does our History shape us?

In June 1941, Hitler's Army began a rampage through Ukraine, razing towns, unleashing death squads, and massacring Jews by the hundreds of thousands. In one village in the Pale of Settlement, virtually the only region of the Soviet Empire in which Jews were permitted to reside, four Jewish brothers enlisted in the military, said goodbye to their parents, and walked off to fight the Nazis.

By the war's end in 1945, only one of the brothers, named Seymon, was still alive. He returned to find that the Nazis had torched his entire village, burning his parents to death. Seymon's family was dead, and his beloved Ukraine was in ruins. The Nazis had murdered between 1.2 and 1.6 million Ukrainian Jews. Seymon married a fellow Ukrainian Jew who had survived the war by fleeing her city, in which the Nazis had killed 5,000 Jews. Two years later, in the same city, they had a son, Oleksandr, keeping alive the family line that the Nazis had brought a razor's width from extinction. Thirty-one years after that, Oleksandr had his own little boy.

That boy is Volodymyr Zelensky, who has grown up to be the President of independent, democratic Ukraine. Today, he leads his outmanned, outgunned, ferociously defiant nation against the onslaught of Russia. As Russia dashes itself against the will of his people, Zelensky, the survivor of survivors, summons the resilience of his ancestor. He does not bend.

(Thanks to Revd Marian for passing this on)

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine, facing the horrors of war. (See Days 25 & 31 of the Prayer Handbook).

Keith and Decia Blacker invite you to the **Action for Children Tea Party** on 17th September, celebrating the centenary of the move of their remarkable two-storey timber house, Villa Norge, Llanfyllin, SY22 5ER, from one side of Llanfyllin to the other. Come and view it in all its restored glory and learn more about its history. (2pm - 4.30pm, admission and tea £4) See poster on Meeting Room noticeboard.

Some words to ponder - Jubilate always starts its Monday morning sessions with one of the members sharing some thoughts - a poem, a piece of prose, serious or funny, or their own personal thoughts, but always with a message. This was a recent contribution from Bert.

Once all the folk in one village decided to pray for rain. On the day of the prayer, all the villagers gathered but only one little boy came with an umbrella - that's FAITH.

When you throw babies in the air they laugh because they know you will catch them - that's TRUST.

Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but we still set the alarm to wake us - that's HOPE.

We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future - that's CONFIDENCE.

On an old man's shirt was written a sentence: "I am not 80 years old, I'm sweet 16 with 64 years of experience" - that's ATTITUDE.

Have a happy day, live your life like those in these 5 stories, and remember "Good friends are the rare jewel of life - difficult to find and impossible to replace."

Answers to August Puzzle : English Towns, Cities & Ports

1. Kings Lynn
2. Runcorn
3. Port Isaac
4. Folkestone
5. Fleetwood
6. Hull
7. Newquay
8. Weston-Super-Mare
9. Grimsby
10. Deal
11. Southampton
12. Plymouth
13. Margate
14. Newcastle
15. Looe
16. Morecambe
17. Dover
18. St Ives
19. Lowestoft
20. Whitby

Puzzletime! In-House Games

1. Executioner? (7)
2. Bet Lee is an insect with many parts (6)
3. Odin some - can be put together when they match (8)
4. Joyful relations to ask for (5, 8)
5. Used to negotiate a ravine for example (6)
6. A hint - and act upon it (6)
7. A little - with eye movements (6-5)
8. A spirit belonging to me (5)
9. Also a musical? (5)
10. Reptiles - steps up and down (6, 3, 7)
11. Unimportant aims? (7, 8)
12. Played from the oche (5)
13. No. My pool for a change (8)
14. Scan a star within the text (7)
15. Nothings with somethings to bear (7, 3, 7)
16. Expel man is memory game inside (9)
17. May not want to play by an open door? (8)
18. Lulu does sing well inside (4)
19. Who is lost - performed alone (4,5)
20. Ancient Celt given the cold shoulder with ventilation (10)

Please submit any items for the October Messenger to Janice (rhodes4144@gmail.com) ASAP and by 15th September. Thank you!